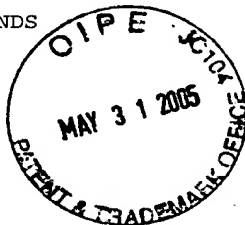


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In re Application of: SZARDENINGS, et al.
 Serial No.: 09/674,733
 Filed: May 2, 2001
 For: MELANOCORTIN 1 RECEPTOR SELECTIVE COMPOUNDS
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 [] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 [] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously asserted.
 [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 [] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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[XX] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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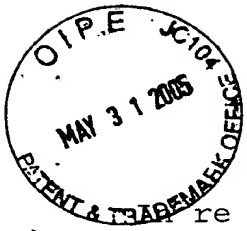
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In response to the nonfinal action mailed December 28, 2004,
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
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